

BYOT = Bring Your Own Technology

BYOT Agreement Form and Protocol for the Use of Technology on Campus

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Definition of “Technology”

For purposes of BYOT, “Technology” means a privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic handheld equipment that includes, but is not limited to, existing and emerging mobile communication systems and smart technologies, portable internet devices, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), handheld entertainment systems or portable information technology systems that can be used for word processing, wireless Internet access, image capture/recording, sound recording and information transmitting/receiving/storing, etc.

Internet

Only the internet gateway provided by the school may be accessed while on campus. Personal internet connective devices such as but not limited to cell phones / cell network adapters are not permitted to be used to access outside internet sources at any time

Security and Damages

Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. The St. Marys City School System, nor its staff or employees, is not liable for any device stolen or damaged on campus. If a device is stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the administrative office similar to other personal artifacts that are impacted in similar situations. It is recommended that skins (decals) and other custom touches are used to physically identify your device from others. Additionally, protective cases for technology are encouraged.

B.Y.O.T. St. Marys City Schools Student Agreement

The use of technology to provide educational material is not a necessity but a privilege. A student does not have the right to use his or her laptop, cell phone or other electronic device while at school. When abused, privileges will be taken away. When respected, they will benefit the learning environment as a whole. Students and parents/guardians participating in B.Y.O.T. must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct, as well as all Board policies, particularly Internet Acceptable Use and Internet Safety. Additionally, technology:

- Must be in silent mode while on school campuses and while riding school buses.
- May not be used to cheat on assignments or tests.
- May only be used to access files on computer or internet sites which are relevant to the classroom curriculum. Games are not permitted.

Students acknowledge that:

- The school's network filters will be applied to one's connection to the internet and attempts will not be made to bypass them.
- Bringing on premises or infecting the network with a Virus, Trojan, or program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information is in violation of Student Acceptable Use Policy.
- Processing or accessing information on school property related to “hacking”, altering, or bypassing network security policies is in violation of Student Acceptable Use Policy.
- The school district has the right to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing problems or was the source of an attack or virus infection.
- Files may have to be saved on the C drive of the laptop, a jump drive, an external drive, or another media device.
- Printing from personal laptops/devices will not be possible at school.

- Personal technology is charged prior to bringing it to school and runs off its own battery while at school. Charging devices will be available on a limited basis and is at the discretion of the classroom teacher.

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Device Inventory

If the student will be participating in B.Y.O.T, please check all devices that apply.

_____ iPad _____ iTouch _____ iPhone _____ MacBook _____ Laptop

_____ Netbook _____ Notebook

_____ Smartphone (Type) _____

_____ Tablet (Type) _____

B.Y.O.T. Agreement

Please review and sign the B.Y.O.T. agreement between parents and students. No student will be permitted to use personal technology devices unless the agreement is signed and returned.

Students and parents participating in B.Y.O.T. must adhere to the Student Code of conduct, as well as all Board policies, particularly Internet Acceptable User Policy and Internet Safety Policy. Please read carefully and initial every statement:

- _____ Students take full responsibility for their devices. The school is not responsible for the security of personal technology. Personal devices cannot be left at school before or after the school hours.
- _____ Devices cannot be used during assessments, unless otherwise directed by a teacher.
- _____ Students must immediately comply with teachers' requests to shut down devices or close the screen. Devices must be in silent mode and put away when asked by teachers.
- _____ Students are not permitted to transmit or post photographic images/videos of any person on campus on public and/or social networking sites.
- _____ Personal devices must be charged prior to bringing them to school and run off their own batteries while at school. Charging will be available on a limited basis and is up to teacher discretion.
- _____ To ensure appropriate network filters, students will only use the B.Y.O.T. wireless connection in school and will not attempt to bypass the network restrictions by using 3G or 4G network.
- _____ Students understand that bringing devices on premises or infecting the network with a Virus, Trojan, or program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information is in violation of the AUP policy and will result in disciplinary actions. The school district has the right to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing problems or is the source of an attack or virus infection.
- _____ Students realize that printing from personal devices will not be permitted at school.
- _____ Students should not physically share their personal devices with other students, unless they have written parent permission to do so.

Please understand that the use of personal devices to support educational experience is not a necessity but a privilege. With respect of the rules, this privilege will benefit the learning environment as a whole. When rules are abused, privileges will be taken away.

I understand and will abide by the above policy and guidelines. I further understand that any violation is unethical and may result in the loss of my technology privileges as well as other disciplinary action.

Printed student name: _____

Signature of Student

Date

Printed parent name: _____

Signature of Parent

Date